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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, CI (ROTH, GEORGE)

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF CBS TELEVISION STRINGER

REFERENCE: SANTIAGO 0941; 0933

1. EVENING FEB 27 SOURCE IN JUNTA PRESS SECRETARY OFFICE CALLED EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE TO OFFER "EXTRA-OFFICIAL" INFORMATION CONCERNING STATUS OF GEORGE ROTH (SEE REFTELS). HE SAID "ROTH WILL BE RELEASED TODAY AND CASE TURNED OVER TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. ROTH WILL NOT BE FORMALLY EXPELLED BUT IF HE WANTS TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY WILL HAVE TO CEASE HIS JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES."

2. BRITISH PRESS ATTACHE TONY WALTERS, INFORMED US TODAY FEB. 28 THAT ROTH WAS IN FACT RELEASED YESTERDAY EVENING WITHOUT CHARGES BUT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO REPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY 0900 THIS AM. ROTH WENT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH BRITISH CONSULAR OFFICER. UNABLE FIND ANYONE WITH ANY CONCRETE KNOWLEDGE OF CASE, THEY LEFT.

3. ACCORDING TO WALTERS, ROTH SAID HE HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MONDAY AFTERNOON, FEB 26; WAS BLINDFOLDED AND TAKEN TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION WHERE HE WAS KEPT BLINDFOLDED WITH WRISTS TIED TO UPRIGHT CHAIR AND KEPT IN THIS POSITION FOR ABOUT 24 HOURS. ROTH CLAIMED HE WAS NOT INTERROGATED NOR TORTURED AND SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED OVER TO CARABINEROS AND FINALLY

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RELEASED WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO REPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

ROTH PLANS LEAVE CHILE FOR BUENOS AIRES ASAP.

4. ONLY MENTION OF INCIDENT IN LOCAL PRESS WAS SMALL NOTE
BURIED IN BACK PAGES FEB. 28 "ULTIMAS NOTICIAS" (MERCURIO
CHAIN) STATING THAT GOC HAD DECIDED TO RELEASE ROTH, (ERRONEOUSLY
REFERRED TO AS "FREE LANCER" FOR ABC TELEVISION). NOTE SAYS
HE HAD "EXPULSION ORDER" PENDING, ACCORDING TO "BRIEF REPLY
OFFERED BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR."

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